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National Crime Victims' Rights Week

HELENA – The Montana Board of Crime Control has received funding from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The week of April 21-27, 2013 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This annual observance, first designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, seeks to increase general public awareness of, and knowledge about, the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. This year's theme—*New Challenges. New Solutions.*—recognizes programs that support survivors of violent crime.

The Montana Board of Crime Control will be facilitating an event at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. This local event is planned in conjunction with the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The event will be held in the Capitol Rotunda from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Remarks by Attorney General Tim Fox will take place between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

With the help of more than 60 crime victim advocacy programs across the state of Montana, victims can seek shelter, medical services, legal assistance, and counseling, all free of charge. For more information about Montana's victim assistance programs, visit <https://doj.mt.gov/victims/crime-victim-advocates/>.

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Community members are encouraged to get involved in helping victims of crime by attending the state's event and volunteering. For additional information about the Board of Crime Control's National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or ideas on how to serve victims in your community, please contact the Montana Board of Crime Control at 406-444-4763 or visit <http://mbcc.mt.gov/>.

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